

**Hispanic Mission Developer**  
**Report for June and July 2011**  
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**More to Learn!**

**Great things are happening in your Hispanic Ministry of Northern Virginia. God is doing marvelous things through this ministry.**

**We have a good number of new Hispanic brothers and sisters joining together at different locations to hear God's word. Our goal is for these *hermanos y hermanas* to tell others what God is doing in their lives. As an example, in June we were involved in Grace's VBS helping teach the Spanish speaking children. We touched the lives of more than 120 children as well as their parents. A couple of these VBS families have now joined our worship services.**

**We celebrated our second funeral in the Hispanic Ministry. In a tragic accident, Jose Murillo was electrocuted while working cutting a tree in Woodbridge. We supported Jose's family in this time of loss reassuring them of GOD's promise of eternal life. Jose's wife, daughter and other family members are now worshipping with us.**

**Our Hispanic group of believers held a yard sale at Grace as an outreach to the local community. Many residents of the area surrounding Grace came to participate. This gave us the opportunity to minister and invite them to church. With your donations of items to sell we were able to raise \$1000. We will use these funds to support the first "Festival of New life" which will be held at Grace on August 13<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 8 pm. Your participation is needed to make this a great evangelistic event! Please sign up with your church's implementer teams, or talk to your Pastors or Hispanic Board representatives.**

God has given us so much to be thankful about! Could this group of faithful Hispanic believers, become future leaders, or future Pastors? God knows! We are playing such an important part in His Kingdom right now. As all of us are together working side by side, God is at our side too! To Him be the glory! He also gave us, through Lutheran World Relief a grant of \$12,000 to increase outreach to Hispanic women through a new effort called the Dorcas Project. This grant didn't just show up; it took lots of hard work to identify the opportunity and write the grant application. Praise God for the volunteers who made this happen. Now we will need a team to put these resources to work serving our Hispanic *hermanas*. Don't let inabilities to speak Spanish keep you from being part of helping the hurting people in our community. *Gracias sean dadas a Dios!*

At the beginning of this spiritual journey, we asked God for guidance in how and where the ministry would take place. As we move forward we believe that He is revealing to us that our "Jerusalem" is happening in Grace's area, and that from there God will send us to other "Samarias," and eventually the entire world. Proclaiming His forgiveness and salvation to the hundreds of thousands of Hispanics in Northern Virginia is a big job, and we are learning as we go. Thanks to the many that faithfully invest their talents, money and time in this ministry. Don't forget, this only the beginning and many challenges are coming our way. These challenges are wonderful opportunities to meet new people. I want to personally thank the past and present members serving on the Hispanic Mission Development Board, the head implementers and the many volunteers serving day by day in the many outreach programs. We've been at it for almost 2 years! On October 15<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate our second anniversary with a second *Fiesta*. This year Grace will host. Lots of activities planned, so save the date, and also some *dinero* to spend supporting this ministry. You are invited to donate items for the auction during the Fiesta.

We are very engaged ministering at the Commerce site teaching ESL every Tuesday and average of 25 people per occasion. Many are mothers and children joining our programs to learn English and to be fed. We are using these opportunities to teach them about Jesus and His love. Every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday we have Bible studies and Pray and Praise services at different sites. God is calling you to be part of this outreach your Hispanic neighbors. Come and join us, *sean bienvenidos. Hasta pronto!*